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METHOD OF BUILDING A DIRECT)
Smelting Plant)

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-042076 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
2. Soviet Union Publication No. 1305281

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the

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Australian Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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